

SONIC

THE COMIC

FREE!
TRANSFERS

TWO
SONIC
STORIES

PLASMA!
HIDDEN
DANGER!



MAGIC
CARPET &
THE OOZE
REVIEWS!

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KNUCKLES! • STREET RACER & SUPER SKIDMARKS Q ZONE

CONTROL ZONE



Hey, Boomers!

These miserable humes haven't exactly been the life and soul recently, but that's about to change thanks to the count-down to STC's third birthday next issue - it's a party poopers prohibited zone; see below for more info, but first, here's what's happening in this issue ...

Sonic and Amy do a spot of Plasma grappling in an exciting complete story. Knuckles and Captain Plunder continue their quest to find hidden treasure, and the swashbuckling action has even swept its way into the Graphic Zone! Hidden Danger is revealed in Sonic's World, but brace yourselves, Boomers, as STC bids farewell to The Shining Force (be sure to write in if you'd like to see more of their adventures).

Take a squint at the revised charts, which due to demand, now lists the top games for the Sega Saturn system (STC's also taken the hint for the Review Zone). Finally, there's some wheely handy Street Racer and Super Skidmarks hints and tips in the Q Zone.

Join me in just two weeks time for the official UK Sega comic's megatastic third birthday issue. It's going to be awesome!

Megadroid

TAILS JOINS THE PARTY! COMING TO A NEWSAGENTS NEAR YOU - STC 79!

MAKE A DATE TO CELEBRATE
STC'S THIRD BIRTHDAY
EXTRAVAGANZA WITH ALL
YOUR SEGA SUPERSTARS ...
SONIC, KNUCKLES AND MORE!

ISSUE 79 EVEN COMES WITH
A FREE SONIC SPINNER, SO
WHIZZ OFF TO YOUR
NEWSAGENTS AND PLACE
YOUR COPY NOW - IT'S
BOUND TO BE A SELL-OUT!



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SEGA

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ChartTrack

↑ up/down RS/NEW entry ● non mover

MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ↑ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ↓ SONIC AND KNUCKLES
- 3 TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 4 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 5 ↓ MICKEY MANIA
- 6 ↓ MICRO MACHINES '96
- 7 ↓ PREMIER MANAGER
- 8 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 RE PSYCHO PINBALL
- 10 RE BRIAN LARA CRICKET

SATURN

- 1 ● SEGA RALLY
- 2 ↑ FIFA SOCCER '96
- 3 NEW VIRTUA COP
- 4 NEW D
- 5 ↓ VIRTUA FIGHTER 2
- 6 NEW F1 CHALLENGE
- 7 ↓ WORMS
- 8 ↓ SIM CITY 2000
- 9 ↓ WING ARMS
- 10 ↓ FIRESTORM: THUNDERHAWK 2

MEGA-CD

- 1 ● EARTHWORM JIM
- 2 ● SOULSTAR
- 3 ● B.C. RACERS
- 4 ● BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY
- 5 ↑ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 6 ↓ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 7 ● SNATCHER
- 8 RE TOMCAT ALLEY
- 9 RE JAGUAR XJ220
- 10 RE SILPHEED

GAME GEAR

- 1 ● SONIC CHAOS
- 2 ● TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 3 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 4 RE FIFA SOCCER '96
- 5 RE ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 6 RE REN AND STIMPY
- 7 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 8 ↓ THE LION KING
- 9 ↓ MORTAL KOMBAT 2
- 10 RE DYNAMITE HEADDY

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

Plasma

COMPLETE
STORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

Art: RICHARD ELSON

Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE

IN METROPOLIS CITY,
THINGS HAVE GONE
FROM BAD TO WORSE
FOR THE CITIZENS.

KRAASH!

NO
STOP!
HE HASN'T
DONE ANY-
THING!

EVERYONE
IS GUILTY OF
SOMETHING,
CITIZEN!

CITADEL ROBOTNIK SCOWLS DOWN
OVER THE BEGGED CITY.

INSIDE A BRIDGING
FIGURE LOOKS ON.

SO THE PEOPLE
THINK I'M GOING SOFT.
DO THEY?

I'LL SHOW THEM...
I'LL GIVE EVERY CITIZEN
OF METROPOLIS CITY REASON
TO FEAR THE VERY MENTION
OF THE NAME DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK.

A SECTION HOUSE IN A POOR PART
OF TOWN - PRISONERS WAIT TO
BE TAKEN TO THE FEARED BADNIK
PROCESSING PLANTS.

KRAASH!

BO

RIGHT, THAT'S
THE LAST OF THE
GUARDS!

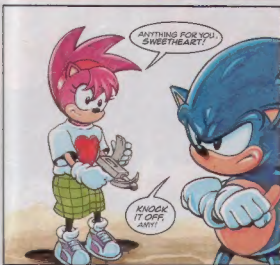
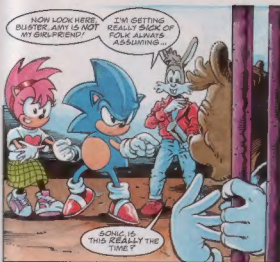
WE DON'T
HAVE MUCH TIME...
LET'S DO IT!

HERE THEY ARE...
DON'T WORRY,
PEOPLE, WE'LL HAVE
YOU OUT IN A
SECOND!

IT'S SONIC
AND JOHNNY
LIGHTFOOT!

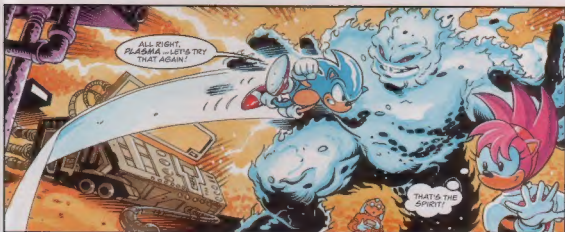
AND THERE'S
AMY... SONIC'S GIRL-
FRIEND!

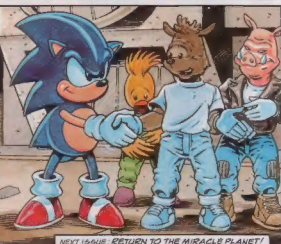
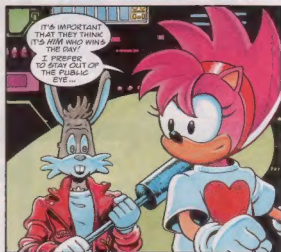
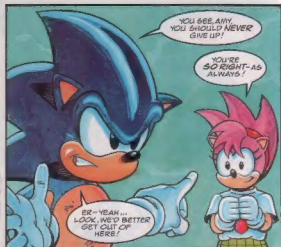
WHAT?











PIRATE ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER. BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

Eye, cap'n Tails!



Rodney Fernandez, London, Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Pieces of eight, mate!



Jessica Padkin, Leicester, Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Sonic spots the difference!



Martin Conway,
Cambridge,
MD/MS owner,
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Letting a dora



Alisdair Williams
W Sussex,
GG owner,
Crayola
Overwriter Pack
Winner

0 skin
are red 007



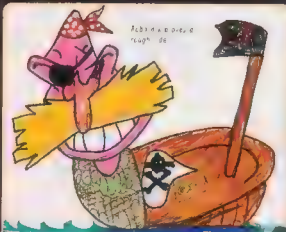
Nathan Maybank
Newham Wills
MD owner,
Crayola
Overwriter Pack
Winner

A little bit of
safariing in a



Nedjad Dipa
Wiggiston, York.
MD/MS owner
Crayola Overwriter
Pack Winner.

Robbie is a pirate
rough de



Robbie is a pirate rough de

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A PACK OF Crayola O.



KNUCKLES CAPTAIN
PLUNDER AND A SMALL
NUMBER OF PIRATES
FIND THEMSELVES
TRANSPORTED TO THE
WEIRD TANTARAGOR
DIMENSION

WHAT HAVE
YOU GOT US INTO,
PLUNDER?

I'LL BE DARNED IF
I KNOW KNUCKLES, LAD

I AM
EKKLETO
THE SPIRITUAL
LEADER OF THE
TANTAROR

IDENTIFY
YOURSELVES



KNUCKLES The GHOST SHIP

Script:
MIKE LUTHER
Art:
MIKE LUTHER
Lettering:
ELITE FOLK



SPEAK!
HOW DID THE IDOL
OF TANTARAGOR
COME INTO YOUR
POSSESSION



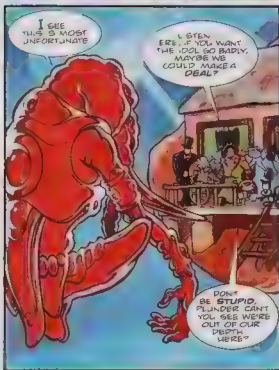
IDOL
WHAT IDOL? I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
EE'S TALKING
ABOUT MATEY

PLUNDER
THIS IS NO TIME
TO TRY TO BE
CLEVER!



HERE'S
THE IDOL THIS
PIRATE STOLE IT
FROM THE
TANTARAGOR
SHIP

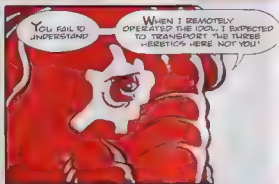
THANKS
A LOT,
KNACKLES
PAL!



I SEE
THIS IS MOST
UNFORTUNATE

LISTEN
ERE, IF YOU WANT
THE IDOL GO BADLY,
MAYBE WE
COULD MAKE A
DEAL?

DON'T
BE STUPID.
PLUNDER CAN'T
YOU SEE WE'RE
OUT OF OUR
DEPTH
HERE?



YOU FAIL TO
UNDERSTAND

WHEN I REMOTELY
OPERATED THE IDOL, I EXPECTED
TO TRANSPORT THE THREE
HERETICS HERE NOT YOU!



HERETICS?
YOU MEAN THE
THREE CREATURES
WE MET ON THE
TANTARAGOR
SHIP?



THE
CREATURES TO
WHICH YOU REFER
ARE FOLLOWERS OF
THE EVIL PRIEST
ORKYM-RO

ORKYM-RO
RECENTLY DIED
AFTER A LONG
ILLNESS

HIS BODY WAS PLACED
IN A STONE COFFIN FOR
TRANSPORT INTO THE
AFTER LIFE.

THE THREE YOU MET THEN TOOK
A SHIP AND USING THE 100,
TRANSPORTED THEMSELVES
TO YOUR WORLD

"YOU SEE, THE FOLLOWERS OF
ORKYM-RO BELIEVE THAT THEIR
MASTER MUST BE BURIED IN A
SACRED MONUMENT

AND TO BUILD SUCH A MONUMENT
THEY NEEDED SLAVES WHICH
THEY INTENDED TO GET FROM MOBIUS

WHEN
I DISCOVERED THEIR
INTENTIONS, I REMOTELY
OPERATED THEIR
TRANSPORTATION
IDOL.



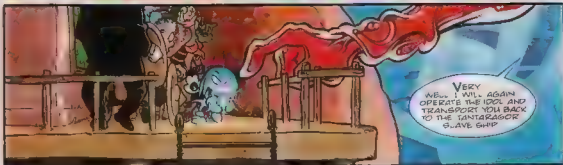
BUT
INSTEAD OF
GETTING THEM
- YOU GOT
US!



LISTEN
BICKLETON, WE
WERE ON THAT
SLAVE SHIP THE
HERETICS HAVE
ALREADY TAKEN
SLAVES!



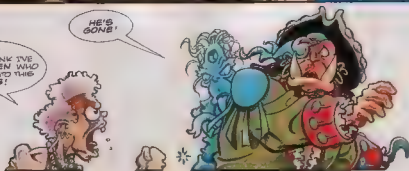
THE
ONLY THING THAT
MATTERS TO ME IS
RESCUING THOSE
PEOPLE

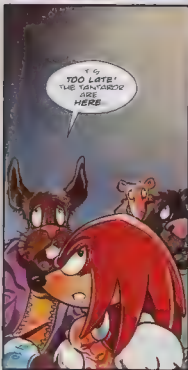


VERY
WELL! I WILL AGAIN
OPERATE THE IDOL AND
TRANSPORT YOU BACK
TO THE TANTARAGOR
SLAVE SHIP

HE'S
GONE!

AN!
DONT THINK IVE
FORGOTTEN WHO
GOT US INTO THIS
MESS!





REVIEW ZONE

FROM BIRTH TO DEATH: GAMES RELEASED FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

SEGA'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 40 - YAMKEVILLE

40-59 - FUN CITY

60-99 - BIG YINK CITY
OVER 100 - MEGA CITY

THE OOZE

Reviewed by Chris Jones



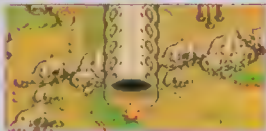
GAME TYPE: PLA FORM
PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £49.99

Gamewise, we have seen a blue hedgehog, a feisty earthworm and numerous famous movie characters and super heroes. But hold on, the latest games star is a green pool of Ooze? Yes, a green, slippery, slidey, slimy, sloppy oozing mess! **The Ooze** is Dr Caine, a scientist, who knew too much about his corporation's plans to develop a deadly plague and then use it to extort money from different governments.

Dr Caine was injected with a bright green liquid by the evil Director, and now he's become a pool of green slime with only a skull and fist remaining from his human form. Yuck! He needs to recover his human structure by searching out his DNA helixes which are the blueprint of life. Slip, slide away over 10 levels in an effort to become a man again. Dr Caine is seeking toxic revenge!

It is weird controlling a pool of green slime around the screen but you do get used to it. Hazards such as aggressive snails, men with lasers and burrowing creatures all do their best to wear away the size of your slime until it costs you a life. Shooting or punching them will create extra ooze that will help prolong your quest. Another thing to be warned of is that you have to keep your ooze on



the level or else you can trickle away down a hole and lose a life.

The game is very playable and it's fun slipping around. The graphics are not top draw and

perhaps the game lacks a bit of speed and variety. However **The Ooze** does keep your brain ticking over as you try to slide around levels in an attempt to recover your DNA. A good novelty game but not a great game. If your tastes are a little way out then this might be for you.



FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

original
idea, better
quality
gameplay



ORIGINALITY 90

GRAVES

too many
and tedious
enemies
hard
distractions
needed



PLAYABILITY 72

OVERALL 81

MAGIC CARPET

Reviewed by David Gibson



GAME TYPE: 3D SHOOT 'EM UP
PLAYERS: 1

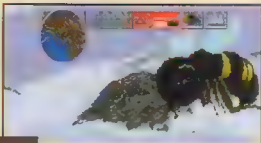
PUBLISHER: BULLFROG
PRICE: £44.99



The blockbuster PC game which at last year's industry oscars won best game of the year award, has now been converted to the Saturn and it plays and looks even better than the original!

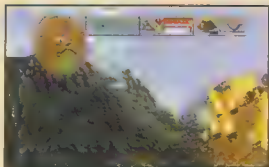
Magic Carpet has been programmed with one of the best 3D intro sequences ever, depicting a wizard casting a magic spell, on a carpet then battling it out with a spectacular looking dragon.

As soon as you start to play the game you'll be amazed at how smooth and fast everything moves and even more so when you see how much freedom of movement you get! Each of the 50 levels included in the game has you, as a wizard called Zinzamar, flying freely on a magic carpet around each 3D



virtual world using and picking up spells, fighting baddies and collecting items to restore the world to peace. You even get to build property to help the local civilians, but don't get on their bad side by shooting at them, otherwise you're in for a shock.

As with all Bullfrog games, Magic Carpet is fun, addictive and exciting, while at the same time it doesn't leave you frustrated when you do something wrong. Pure gaming genius.



THE ANCIENT TOWER ON GRANSEAL ISLAND

THE PLAN TO RELEASE ZEON FROM HIS IMPRISONMENT IN THE ABYSS NEARS ITS FRUITION

SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE OF ZEON

THE GLORIOUS DAY HAS ARRIVED. IN MOMENTS THE MYSTICAL DEVICE WILL DESTROY THE PORTAL OUR MASTER WILL BE RELEASED

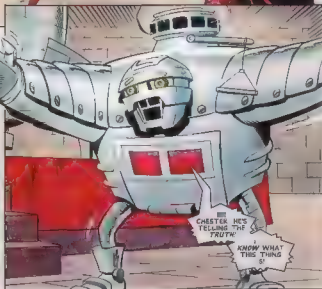
A STRANGE GLOW APPEARS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE TOWER

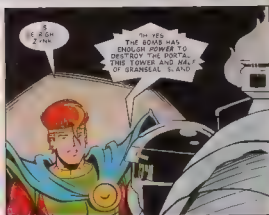
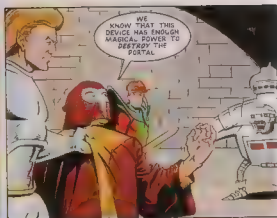
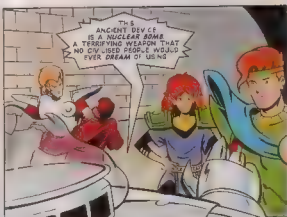
YOU DID IT!

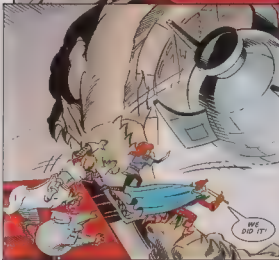
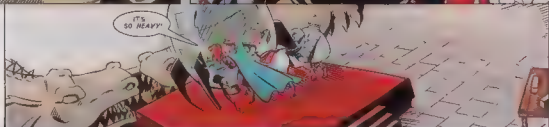
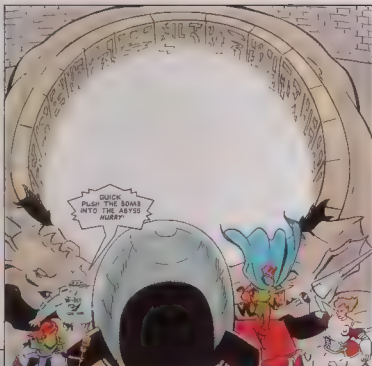
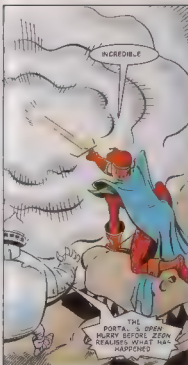
INCREDIBLE! YOU TELEPORTED US ALL! HOW DID YOU DO THAT, BOWMEY?

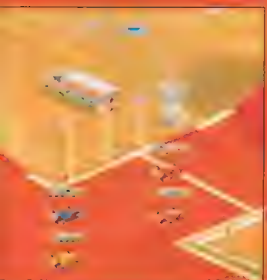
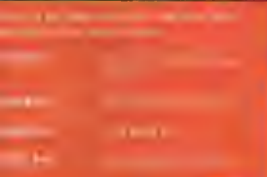
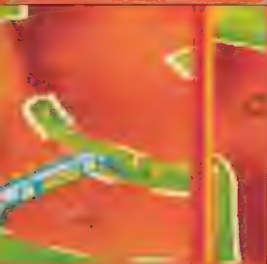
I'M NOT QUITE SURE YAYA!

SINCE MAMA BROUGHT ME BACK FROM NEAR DEATH, I FEEL DIFFERENT. IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE PICKED UP SOME MAGICAL POWER





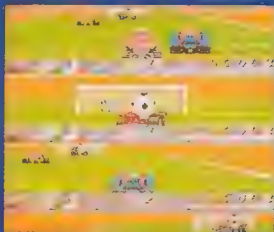




STREET RACER



MEGA
DRIVE



Windows: killHartcock for this game. Send it to me by email at killHartcock@compuserve.com

pressing Up and Down



NEXT ISSUE: EARTHWORM JIM II SPECIAL!

SONIC'S WORLD

Hidden Danger

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS SENT AN INVISIBLE ROBOT TO DESTROY THE TRANQUIL ENVIRONMENT OF THE TROPICAL JUNGLE ZONE! SONIC AND TAILS TRY TO STOP IT BUT IT'S NOT EASY FIGHTING SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SEE

THOOOM!

SMAASH!

WEP!
SONIC COULDN'T BEAT IT. WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE?

THAT INVISIBLE DUDE PACKS QUITE A PUNCH, BUT HE WON'T GET A SECOND CHANCE

CAN'T I TAKE TIME OUT FOR FIVE SECONDS WITHOUT YOU GETTING IN TROUBLE?

SONIC!
YOU'RE OKAY!

SMASH!

YBAH
APART FROM A
HEADACHE, I'M FINE
BUT THAT STOMPING
AND SMASHING ISN'T
MAKING IT
BETTER

IF ONLY
WE COULD
SEE WHAT
WE'RE UP
AGAINST!

SMASH
STOMP!

YIKE!
WE CAN'T GET
ANY FURTHER, AND
THAT ROBOT'S
RIGHT BEHIND
US

NEED A
LIFT ACROSS
THE RIVER
SONIC?

NO
SWEAT BUDDY,
THIS COULD BE
JUST WHAT WE
NEED

UH
MEANING?

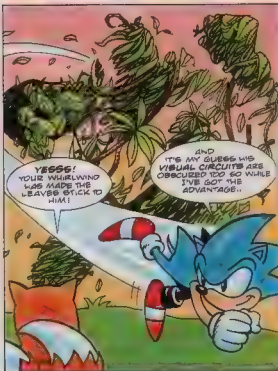
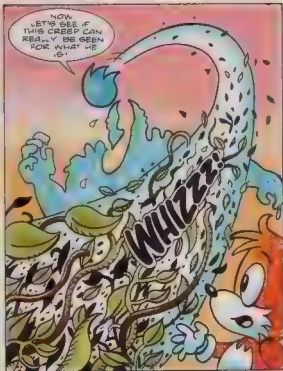
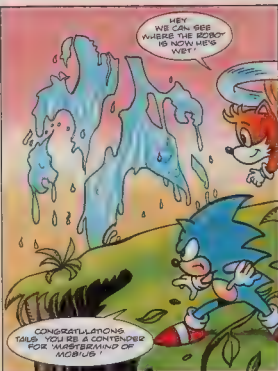
NO TIME
TO EXPLAIN, PINK-
BRAIN! JUST LOWER
ME A LITTLE SO
I CAN TREAD
WATER

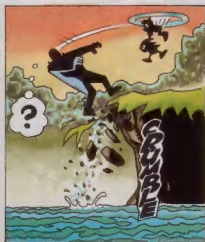
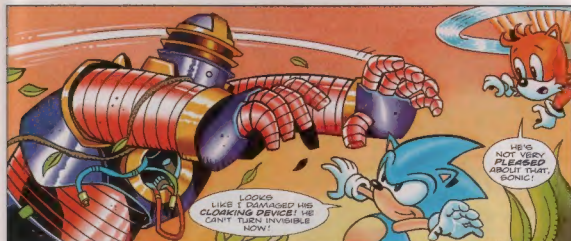
I KNOW
YOU'RE COOL IN A
CRISIS, SONIC, BUT
SURELY THIS IS NO
TIME FOR WATER
SPORTS!

JUST
WATCH AND
LEARN,
PAL!

NOT
ACROSS IT
TALKS
ALONG
T!

SPLASH!









EITHER POST YOUR MAIL TO:-
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...OR MAIL YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS HERE (SEND FOR DETAILS)

Join STC 20's 3rd birthday party next issue!



Cameron Hof, Bracht, Germany.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

LOVE SICK HUME!

Dear Megadroid,

I am madly in love with Knuckles. I went to the doctors and they said I had echidnaritus. Rachel Smith, Knowsley, Liverpool.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



I strongly suggest the Knuckles Knock-out Special, on sale 25th May. Packed with info and pics of the red heart-throb, guaranteed to keep love sick Boomers satisfied!

YELLING TAILS!

Dear Megadroid,

I lost my temper with STC 59's free transfers. First Tails' foot came off, then half his tail, and finally, his face, so I screwed them all up in a fit of anger! I regret it now, so please send me another set. Robyn Catley, Tamworth, Staffs. MD11 owner.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



My sixth sense told me I was going to receive your letter Robyn, so I hope this issue's free transfers will calm you down.

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There's more
Metalika,
next issue!

Daniel Hildy, W Yorks.
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

UKCAC OK!

Dear Megadroid,

Please thank everyone at STC for the great time I had at the UK Comic Art Convention back in March. My mum and I also enjoyed meeting Sonic in 'person'. STC forever! William Preston, Woolwich, London.
MD owner.



He spoke highly of you as well, William! Once again the event was a success with the STC creators and Boomers alike.

NEXT ISSUE

STC'S 3RD BIRTHDAY!

FREE SONIC SPINNER!



3
NEW STORIES

SONIC!
MIRACLE PLANET!

SONIC'S WORLD!
REVOLUTION!

TAILS!
GROUNDED!

PLUS

KNUCKLES!
GHOST SHIP CONCLUSION!

REVIEW ZONE!
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SEGA WORLD!
NEWS SPECIAL!

Q ZONE!
EARTHWORM JIM 2

STC 79

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DATA STRIP

I'VE BEEN READING
STC SINCE ...

ISSUE AGE

NAME

ADDRESS

MY FAVOURITE ...

FILM/VIDEO IS

BAND/SINGER IS

MY SEGA SYSTEM ...

TICK:-

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